

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in view of the present Preliminary Amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

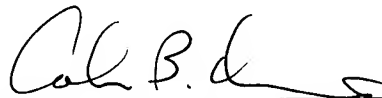
Claims 1- 23 are pending. The present Preliminary Amendment adds Claim 23. Support for new Claim 23 can be found in the originally filed specification, for example, on page 5, line 25 to page 6, line 1, on page 11, lines 13-25, and in original Claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 12, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-15. Further, Applicants note that new Claim 23 depends on elected Claim 1 and thus Claim 23 should be included in the elected group. Applicants make this provisional election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on Claims 1-15 and 23.

Respectfully submitted,

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